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In re application of

Hiroaki ONISHI et al. : Attn: BOX PCT

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SOLDER PASTE PRINTING APPARATUS
AND PRINTING METHOD
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified PCT application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Kindly replace the original abstract (page 222) with the enclosed substitute abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 90, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As described above, by virtue of the squeegees 12a and 12b provided with the pressurizing members 28, a sufficient amount of solder paste 7 can stably be filled into the openings 4 of the printing mask 3 even if the squeegee speed is increased.